

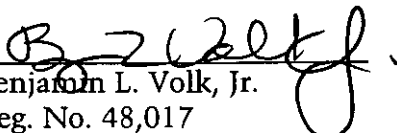


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 13, 2003

Applicant files the following amendment and remarks in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003. Accompanying this response is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee. As the response date for this Office Action has fallen on a Sunday, Applicant respectfully submits that this filing on Monday, July 14, 2003 is timely. Also accompanying this response is a Notice of Appeal and the appropriate fee. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-17, 19-24, 31, 34-35, 38-39, and 42-49 were pending at the time of the Office Action. Claims 32, 33, 36, 37, and 40 have been withdrawn from consideration and canceled without prejudice following a restriction requirement of election with traversal. By

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